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FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5222

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY OSLO

USDEL JEC PARIS

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AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 0293

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, WHO, SZ, VS, VN, IC

SUBJECT: PROPOSED "PRG" OBSERVER STATUS AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS

REF: A. REYKJAVIK 0095

B. STATE 51713

C. REYKJAVIK 0274 (NOTAL)

1. MFA DEPSEC GEN HELGASON TOLD US TODAY THAT GOI INTENTION TO VOTE AGAINST PRG ATTENDANCE AT WMO CONGRESS IS OFFICIALLY UNCHANGED, BUT THAT FONMIN AGUSTSSON IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM FINNS AND SWEDES TO SHOW MORE EVEN-HANDEDNESS TOWARD TWO SVN FACTIONS.

2. HELGASON, WHO WAS IN COPENHAGEN LAST WEEK FOR TALKS PRELIMINARY TO HELSINKI FONMINS' MEETING, SAID FINNS, GENERALLY BACKED BY SWEDES, FAVOR OUSTING GVN FROM WMO AND SMILAR FORA AND ACCREDITING BOTH
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SAIGON AND PRG AS CO-EQUAL OBSERVERS. ICELAND IS

THEREFORE BEING STRONGLY URGED TO AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON
VIETNAM QUESTION AT WMO.

3. EMBOFF REFERRED TO OUR EARLIER APPROACH TO GOI ON
SUBJECT (REF A) AND TO NOTE LEFT WITH HELGASON AT TIME,
AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO USG OF OUTCOME AND OUR HOPE
FOR LARGE NEGATIVE VOTE. HELGASON TOLD US HE AND
HIS COLLEAGUES WILL PRESS HARD FOR VOTE AGAINST PRG.
HOWEVER, AGUSTSSON, WHO DEPARTS TOMORROW, AND DESPITE
WHATEVER HE MIGHT SAY TODAY ON HIS POSITION, WILL
PROBABLY NOT MAKE FINAL DECISION UNTIL HE GETS TO
HELSINKI. WE NOW HAVE TO RELY ON HELGASON TO HELP
AGUSTSSON WITHSTAND THE PRESSURES HE WILL RECEIVE IN
HELSINKI FROM THE SWEDES AND FINNS.
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